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Pennsylvania's 2010 Honey Production

HARRISBURG, PA, February 28, 2010 - - Pennsylvania honey production in 2010 (from producers with five or more hives) totaled 1,110,000 pounds, up 270,000 pounds from 2009. There were an estimated 30,000 colonies statewide, which was up 9,000 colonies from the previous year. The average yield was 37 pounds per colony compared to 40 pounds in 2009. Total stocks of honey, as of December 15, 2010, were 377,000 pounds, 58,000 pounds more than the previous year.

Honey producers in Pennsylvania received an average price of 205 cents per pound for the 2010 crop. Total value of honey produced in 2010 is estimated at 2,276,000 dollars for Pennsylvania production.

Nationally, honey production in 2010 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 176 million pounds, up 20 percent from 2009. There were 2.68 million colonies producing honey in 2010, up 7 percent from 2009. Yield per colony averaged 65.5 pounds, up 12 percent from the 58.6 pounds in 2009. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 45.3 million pounds on December 15, 2010, up 21 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2010 to 160.3 cents per pound, up 9 percent from 147.3 cents per pound in 2009. United States and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2009 crop reflect honey sold in 2009 and 2010. Some 2009 crop honey was sold in 2010, which caused some revisions to the 2009 crop prices.

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